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Mr. Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

This letter is to voice my support of Charter Communications' pending acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. Charter has been a service provider in St. Louis City since 2001 and they provide quality video, voice and data services throughout the city limits to both residential and business locations. In an urban market like St. Louis, it is important that telecommunications providers showcase their products in the same manner throughout the community; regardless of whether the area is depressed or affluent. Charter has made sure its network provides the same services throughout the City.

St. Louis has a variety of businesses, both large and small as well as health, educational and entertainment institutions. As such, it is important that we have competitive data providers. In addition to providing hundreds of video channels and telephone service, Charter also provides a strong, high-speed Internet service for both residential and business use. Their slowest speed offer in the City is 100 Mbps. It's my understanding that under the New Charter merger, the company would adopt the low-income broadband program of Bright House Networks. Charter should also be commended for bringing jobs to Missouri, and I appreciate the efforts of Charter, as they have been bringing outsourced customer care jobs back to the United States. I support their commitment to do the same with the outsourced jobs of Time Warner Cable.

Finally, Charter is a part of the St. Louis community. They have been an active sponsor in the William Clay Scholarship Fund, which has been giving students a chance to receive a college education debt-free.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage you and the rest of the Commission to approve the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

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